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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-23 were pending in the application. Claims 6-10, 12 and 18-21 were allowed. Claims 1-5 and 13-17 were rejected. Claims 22 and 23 were subject to objection but indicated to be allowable. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 23 are currently amended. Claims 2, 13-17 and 22 are cancelled by this amendment without prejudice, and solely to facilitate issuance of the claims indicated to be allowed and allowable. With regard to the claim objections, it should be noted that the limitations of claims 2 and 22 have been moved into claim 1 in accordance with the comments under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 7 of the Office Action. This change required necessitated of claims 2 and 22, which in turn necessitated amendment of claims 3, 4 and 23 in terms of dependency. Allowance of the remaining claims is now respectfully requested.

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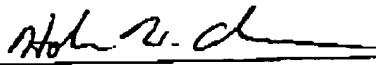
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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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